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25X1 1. [] Talked to Ralph Preston, House Appropriations
Committee staff, who told me that he would be unable to make the appointment
for Tuesday to visit Headquarters for a briefing on a sensitive readout system.
25X1A At the Chairman's direction he and Paul Wilson will be meeting with representa-
tives of OMB to draft a "continuing resolution." Messrs. Proctor, DDI,
Steininger, ADD/S&T, Briggs, OPPB, and [] IC, have been advised.

25X1 2. [] Dorothy Fosdick, Staff Director, Subcommittee on
National Security and International Operations, called first thing this morning
from Senator Jackson's office to ask about the New York Times story quoting
Secretary Laird as saying the Soviets are testing an MIRV. I said I would
check and let her know what we had.

25X1 3. [] Had a number of discussions with Ed Braswell and
Jim Woolsey, of the Senate Armed Services Committee staff, who had heard
Secretary Laird's testimony and confirmed the general accuracy of the New York
Times version of what Laird said. I explained to them that our evidence did
not support the press version of Laird's remarks.

25X1 4. [] Bill Holt, of Representative Sam Stratton's
25X1A office, called in behalf of a constituent, [] who is an
25X1A applicant for an Agency position. We have alerted Personnel that []
will be calling for an appointment.

25X1 5. [] In the absence of Rady Johnson, Assistant
to the Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), I talked to Don Floyd, of ISA
in Defense, who is concerned with the funding [] He
said Johnson and Tom Korologos, of the White House, were handling the
problem with Stennis.

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25X1 6. [redacted] Discussed with Ed Braswell and Jim Woolsey, of the
Senate Armed Services Committee staff, our concern about provisions of the
25X1C Foreign Assistance Act which would transfer jurisdiction over military assistance
25X1C from the Armed Services Committee to the Foreign Relations Committee, [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 25X1C
25X1C [redacted] I said we assume the Committee would have to look out for itself on
the jurisdictional issue and we were not going to take the initiative on the 25X1
[redacted] because we didn't have as much at stake there as other agencies. 25X1
However, I said we were very much concerned about [redacted] 25X1
[redacted]

25X1 Braswell and Woolsey said Stennis had his hands full with other issues
25X1 such as the Mansfield amendment and in any event would find it difficult to fight
[redacted] unless we "took off the wraps" and allowed him to speak
frankly [redacted]. I said we'd see if we could come up with an
unclassified statement which could serve the purpose. Braswell said what was
needed was an "impact statement" which would emphasize the serious consequences
[redacted]

25X1 7. [redacted] Called Tom Korologos, in the White House, regarding
25X1C the problems with the Foreign Assistance Act mentioned above. He said he
[redacted]
25X1C and was trying to get Stennis to assume responsibility for provisions regarding
[redacted] I explained Stennis' problem as I understood it and asked
Korologos whether we shouldn't try to get someone else to take up the fight such
as Milton Young, Howard Baker, or Jake Javits.. Korologos said we shouldn't
do anything until we hear from them because they were starting a big meeting
on the whole thing in the White House.

25X1 8. [redacted] Bill Miller, of Senator John Sherman Cooper's
(R., Ky.) office, called to say the Senator was interested in any comments on the
New York Times story quoting Laird on Soviet MIRV tests. I said we didn't know
what the Secretary had said, but on the basis of intelligence estimates available
it appeared that the press story was garbled and that the Defense Department
would be the people to straighten it out.

25X1 9. [redacted] Called Dorothy Fosdick, in Senator Jackson's office,
to say that we had no evidence supporting some of the points made in a
New York Times story attributed to testimony by Secretary Laird. I speculated
the story was the result of a garble and suggested the people to straighten it
out was the Defense Department since they knew what the Secretary had said
and we didn't.

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